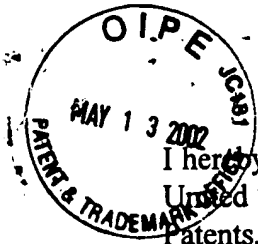


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Lindsay S. Machan, John K. Jackson and William L. Hunter
Application No. : 09/476,490
Filed : December 30, 1999
For : *STENT GRAFTS WITH BIOACTIVE COATINGS*

Examiner : Tan-Uyen T. Ho
Art Unit : 3731
Docket No. : 110129.411
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 3, 2001, please extend the period of time for response four months, to expire on May 3, 2002. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-20 and 30-36, drawn to a stent graft, for examination at this time.

Applicants hereby elect Species 1, directed to an adhesion agent selected from a group consisting of talcum powder, metallic beryllium and silica, for prosecution on the merits at this time. Applicants request consideration of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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